

Proclamation



Whereas, Of the nearly 5.3 million people in Maryland in 2000, 15 percent -- 801,036 -- were over the age of 60. The percentage is expected to increase to 23 percent of Maryland's projected population of 6 million by the year 2030. These older adults are among our most "treasured resources," united by historical experiences, strengthened by diversity, and interpreting events through varied perspectives and backgrounds to bring wisdom and insight to our community; and

Whereas, increasing numbers of adults are reaching retirement age and remaining strong and active for longer than ever before; and

Whereas, the older adults in Frederick County, Maryland, deserve recognition for the contributions they have made and will continue to make to the culture, economy, and character of our community; and

Whereas, our County provides that recognition and respect by improving the quality of life for older Americans by increasing their opportunities to remain active and engaged in community life; providing individualized services and support systems to maintain their dignity, independence, and self-determination as they age, and by honoring their past, present, and future contributions.

Now, Therefore, as the County Executive of Frederick County, Maryland, I hereby proclaim the month of May 2016 as

Older Americans Month

in Frederick County, and do commend this observance to all of our citizens.

**COUNTY EXECUTIVE OF
FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND**


Jan H. Gardner

Presented this 9th day of May 2016